

# STEDMAN COUSINS



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From the President

## Newsletter 19

Dear Cousins,

Apologies for the long silence. I really hope you have been able to keep well during the past two very difficult years. Let's hope things will improve enough for us to have a reunion again next year. Let's make it a special weekend. What would you like to see or re-visit? Please give me some ideas of what you would like to do.

To try to find more information about the activities or connections of our ancestors, Dave has been busy (In addition to all his DNA research) taking photos of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century wills of Corfton/Munslow people, and I have been attempting to decipher them, with the help of a really useful book I bought some time ago at the Shropshire Archives, This is an index/dictionary of some of the terminology from those times used in wills. I thought you might be interested in some of those I found (with their meaning):-

Hilling = A cover (i.e. for a bed)  
Aperyware = household, table linen  
Cratch = Storage rack  
Drugger = Course woollen cloth  
Maslin = Metal alloy similar to brass  
Cobbert = cupboard  
Monteith = punch bowl  
Bink = Wooden shelf  
Happings = Rough cloth  
Mattock = a type of pick axe  
Muncorn = A mixture of Rye and Wheat

Some of the items and legacies are quite fascinating and enlightening. For example, in one of the wills, the daughter was to receive a substantial legacy, provided she married with the approval of the Executors. However, should she choose not to, her legacy was reduced to a few shillings. Several of the wives had settlements and the loan of household items (!), but they were usually the son(s) possessions. If they were to remarry, that all changed.

As we haven't been able to meet up for a while, I thought I'd include some photos of past reunions. Perhaps it might inspire you to think of where to go next.



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The Swan Inn, Aston Munslow



Have forgotten where this was taken, can you remind me?



Brampton Bryan Castle



Easthope – Rev Samuel Stedman's hour glass 2019



Discoed church 2016



Fabian's bell, Yarkhill Church 2012





Lower ~Woodhouse farm (I think) 2012



Broncroft Park 2011



Broadstone church



The Cousins in Bucknell 2010



Abdon church



The Cousins at Stokesay castle 2010





Yarkhill Dedication Service for the new bells 2013



Coxall farm 2013



The White House 2008/ 2010/ 2014



Lower Lyde Court, Herefordshire



The White House, exterior



and kitchen

I have almost finished editing a revision of the book. A few more photos to add, then I'll send portions out to you for the editing of your particular twiglet, before (hopefully) finding a suitable printer.

Keep safe and well.  
Best wishes

Sandra